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SUBSTITUTING FOR BURST ERRORS AND A METHOD OF SUBSTITUTING FOR
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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner return a copy of the Form PTO-1449 accompanying the Information Disclosure Statement, signed and initialed to indicate that the references listed therein have been considered by the Office.

Because the application has been allowed, this matter is somewhat urgent.

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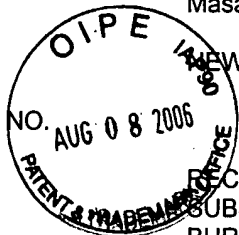
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure provisions of 37 CFR § 1.56, there is hereby provided certain information which the Examiner may consider material to the examination of the subject U.S. patent application. It is requested that the Examiner make this information of record if it is deemed material to the examination of the subject application.

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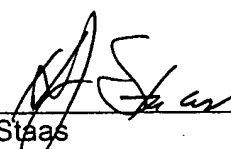
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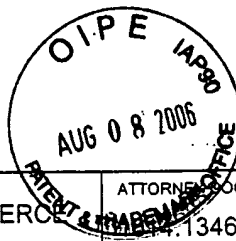
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